

Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) Council

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2021

8:00 A.M.

Meeting Held Google Meet

Council Members Present	Council Members Absent
Patricia (PJ) West – Department of Public Health - Chairperson	
Stephanie Stebens -Citizen Representative – Vice Chairperson	
Billie Marchik – University of Iowa	
Bill Brand – Department of Human Rights	
Shawna Johansen – Business Representative	
Alison Sidwell – Iowa Workforce Development	
Zebulon Beilke-McCallum – Domestic Violence Representative	
Nicole Berensmann – Citizen Representative	
Paige Buchanan – Department of Human Services	
Eudora Beckley – Citizen Representative	
Dr. Anthony Santiago - Iowa State University	
Monica Garner – Department of Education	
Dr. Michael Fleming – University of Northern IA	
Ex-Officio Members Present	Ex-Officio Members Absent
Senator Claire Celsi	Rep. Marti Anderson
Rep. Anne Osmundson	Senator Jim Carlin
FaDSS Council Staff Present	FaDSS Council Staff Absent
Lorie Easter - Department of Human Rights	Angela Madison—Department of Human Services
Page Eastin – Department of Human Rights	
Donna Bura - Department of Human Rights	
Others Present	Katherine Harrington-ICAA
Mindy Williamson – WCCA	Doug Stodgel- Polk County
Mindy Clayton - MICA	Joy Ihle – Polk County
Trisha Wilkins - NEICAC	Nichole Griesse - NEICAC
Nancy Krause - LSI	Barb Grant – Operation Threshold
Katie Christensen - MATURA	Danna Buls - MATURA
Alisa Schlieff - UDMO	Andrew Allen - YSS
Wendy Mueller - WCCA	Keith Bruck - WCCA
Sarah Nelson – WCCA	Shellie West - WCCA
Jamie Swearingin - SCICAP	Lisa Raya - CAEI

Introductions

- PJ West, Chairperson, called meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.
- Quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda – PJ West, Chairperson

Motion:

Stephanie Stebens moved that the agenda be approved. Bill Brand seconded the motion.

Vote:

All council members voted aye. The agenda was approved.

Approval of May 20, 2021 Council Minutes – PJ West, Chairperson

Motion:

Monica Garner moved that the May 20, 2021 minutes be approved. Billie Marchik seconded the motion.

Vote:

All council members voted aye. The minutes of May 20, 2021 were approved.

FaDSS FY22 Funding Update – Bill Brand

Bill Brand referred to the FY22 recommendations that were previously sent to the FaDSS Council members. Bill explained the Grant Review Committee met to discuss a new funding formula for FaDSS FY23 and decided it would be a good idea to meet with each grantee to discuss the options and get a good picture on what the impact may be on their agency and get ideas or suggestions for the new formula for FY23. Then the Legislators passed a budget with an additional one million dollars for FY22. After meeting with some of the grantees, the DCAA came up with two options for discussion. Option 1 is to use half of the money to raise the per person slot rate from \$4,200 to \$4,500. The other half of the money would be used to add slots in areas where there is a higher percentage of families living in poverty with children in the home. Option 2 is the same but keeps the agencies that would lose funding in FY23, due to the new funding formula, at status quo for FY22. After speaking with agencies and listening to concerns and suggestions, the current recommendations were created for FY22. Zebulon Beilke-McCallum asked Bill if he heard from every agency and how they communicated. Bill explained that DCAA staff met with all agencies via conference calls.

Page Eastin explained the chart that was previously sent to the FaDSS Council. The chart illustrated what the funding and capacity increases would be for each agency. Paige Buchanan asked if the agencies who would receive status quo funding have FIP families on a waiting list. Lorie Easter replied that they do have waiting lists along with families that are still in the extended transition period due to the pandemic. Representative Osmundson asked if there is a way to shift money from one agency to another during a fiscal year. Bill Brand replied that moving capacity around mid-year is very difficult due to staffing issues.

Zebulon Beilke-McCallum shared that he is very impressed with how reflective the Grant Review Committee has been during the planning of FY22 with the new appropriation and the needs in different areas. PJ West shared that she is also impressed with how the Grant Review Committee focused on the quality of the program and need to obtain quality family support professionals with the increased slot rate.

Approval of FaDSS FY22 funding recommendations – PJ West, Chairperson

The DCAA Recommendations are as follows:

1. Increase the per person slot rate from \$4,200 to \$4,700.
2. Increase capacity by 53 in higher need areas.
3. Statewide program capacity increased from 1,397 to 1,451,
4. Allow flexibility for FY22 caseload size policy to allow grantees to make staffing adjustments.
5. Allow flexibility for grantees to continue to serve at FY21 capacity level.
6. Continue to take steps toward a FaDSS allocation formula this is based on need per service area.

Motion:

Dr. Michael Fleming moved that the FaDSS FY22 funding recommendations be approved. Stephanie Stebens seconded the motion.

Vote:

All council members voted aye. The FaDSS FY22 funding recommendations were approved.

Other Business- PJ West, Chairperson

Lorie Easter shared that the DCAA will send out a Doodle Poll for a time for the next Grant Review Committee meeting sometime in July.

Adjournment – PJ West, Chairperson

Motion:

Zeb Beilke-McCallum motioned for the meeting to adjourn and Dr. Michael Fleming seconded the motion.

Vote:

All Council members voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.